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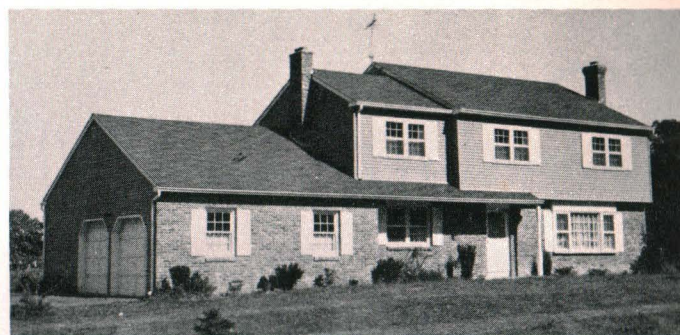


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ON THE COVER: "After School", a winter watercolor by Gustav Nilson of Pipersville, is on exhibit at the Collector's Room gallery in Carversville, Pa. Our cover shows only a portion of the painting created by the Austrian born artist who was educated at the National Academy of Arts in Vienna. Mr. Nilson was employed by the American Gold Loan as an artist and through the Gold Loan came to this country to eventually start his own commercial-art service in New York. Now retired, Mr. Nilson has had many one-man shows and his paintings are on exhibit in many galleries both in and out of Bucks County.

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PANORAMA'S NUTSHELL GUIDE TO WINTER SPORTS

Pennsylvanians, especially Bucks Countians, are discovering a new place for winter sports this year — Pennsylvania! That's right — your own back yard or at least as close to it as you can get without sacrificing the charisma of faraway resorts. The latest advertising slogan for our commonwealth this year is "Why drive for hours when you can ski for hours in Pennsylvania?" And that can really apply to all the other winter sports too — even to sipping hot buttered rum in the lodge.

We have had unusually warm weather for the past three winters in our state and many resorts have had to close but this season the favored copy of the Farmer's Almanac has forecast an "unusually cold winter." So with that in mind let's find out what is available in our own back yard.

There are over 41 ski areas in Pennsylvania and a brochure listing them all can be obtained from the Commonwealth of Pa., Travel Bureau, South Office Building in Harrisburg, 17120 — we won't endeavor to do that here but we will mention a few outstanding ones within a reasonable distance to home.

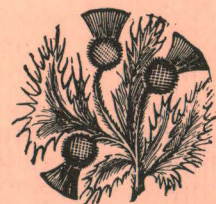
But first, we do have to mention the rediscovery of cross country skiing — a sport that is typically Scandinavian. This is something the whole family can do together literally in their own back yard. Living in Bucks County with its rolling fields and gentle mountains is very conducive to this sport — all we need is the snow and perhaps this year we'll get it. Cross country skiing is a wonderful way to discover the quiet beauty of winter — there are no crowds, there's no waiting in lift lines, relatively little expense and hardly any risk compared to downhill skiing. And it's a great way to get in shape!

The Near Country, the latest name for the Pocono region in Pennsylvania, has a lot to offer for winter sports. First of all, in order to entice skiers, many ski areas have kept their prices about the same as last year except for one small fact — food and lodging are higher. But there are ski-and-stay bargain packages at most resorts and many offer reduced rates for everything during the week. For example, four ski areas — Camelback, Big Boulder, Jack Frost Mountain and Tanglewood — have a reciprocal ticket plan for mid-week skiers. A purchaser of a 5-day ticket at any one of the four resorts may ski the other three using the same tickets.

Most all of the resorts and ski areas offer snowmaking equipment, child care, ski schools, shops and equipment rentals. It has even been said that Pennsylvania has the best snowmaking equipment in the eastern United States. (Could that be because we've had the least snow?) The temperature must be at least as low as 28° for artificial snow to be created and snowmaking has advanced to the point now where the operator of the equipment can control the texture and moisture of the snow to simulate anything from fine powder to wet and sloshy. To find out the snow conditions at your favorite spot you can dial a toll-free number from Bucks County 800-243-3430

When picking the spot for your winter vacation remember that the variety of Pennsylvania ski areas offer something for every skill of skier, every age and every size wallet. You don't even have to be a skier to enjoy many of the places listed.

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FLOWERS; NATURALLY

Many people love to arrange flowers, but Mary Stetson and Terry Drorbaugh have a rather different concept. They lift the ordinary Mullein from the field and put its majestic stance in a china bowl.

Mary and Terry believe that nature has a casual harmony which can only be caught and emulated intuitively if one is not hamstrung by preconceptions of strained, stiff compositions.

Their arrangements reflect that "casual harmony." Many people are inclined to think of a weed as something objectionable but wild flowers are not weeds and really, weeds aren't undesirable. They look as lovely in a silver bowl as in a humble basket. How about mixing pink Carnations and Queen Anne's Lace or brown onion tops, Black Eyed Susan, Dock and Lilies for a dinner party? For striking color impact, try orange Butterfly Weed and blue Hydrangea (pared down to reasonable size).

When these two enterprising women began their business, they faced the lean months of January and February by listing flowering shrubs which can be forced, starting in January. Forsythia is the easiest and that touch of yellow is like a ray of hope on cold dark days. They also picked from the highways and byways and began to realize a need for a greater concentration of wild planting. Our lovely open fields are now growing mostly houses and the country roads are fast disappearing in asphalt. So, consequently, they had their upper field plowed and fertilized in preparation for spring when they will seed it with Wild Senna, Butterfly Weed, Wild Yarrow, and plants of Veronica and the lovely blue Campanula. These are just a few of many beautiful plants growing wild in the fields of Bucks County. An observing eye will notice many seed-pods and flowers that will add interest to arrangements.

Mary and Terry use live planting in each of their arrangements and the main purpose in drying plants is to obtain complementary materials. For instance, try Oliver Sea Ivy with onion seed-heads, corn cobs and Cotoneaster and yellow Chrysanthemums. They're not afraid to try anything. They do have some failures but it's worth trying because the successful ones are beautiful.

Mary & Terry's business goes under the name "Flowers; Naturally" and they will be happy to create an arrangement for you. ■

Panorama's Pantry

A JANUARY BARGAIN



January is the month for white sales — everyone running to their nearest

department store for bargains in sheets, towels and linens. But have you ever thought that this is the best time to buy evening wear? Let's face it — the holiday parties are over — but there is always next year to think about. So if you haven't gained 25 pounds over the past holiday season (that you will spend most of 1975 getting rid of) forget the white sales and splurge. And one of the best places to do that is the newest, "in" spot for after-five clothing — Applause — located just outside of New Hope where prices will be reduced 30% and more. Give yourself or the lady in your life a treat and whip inflation now. ■

CONSERVATION

How they're doing it outside of Bucks County

The Tri-County Conservancy of the Brandywine, Inc., has been named winner of a "Connie" award by the Society of American Travel Writers.

The "Connie" recognizes the important role that conservation, preservation, beautification and anti-pollution campaigns play in the creation of a quality travel environment.

The awards are given each year to call attention to major contributions made by organizations and individuals in the United States. The Society of American Travel Writers also hopes the "Connie" will stimulate others to help protect areas of natural beauty, wildernesses, unspoiled beaches and historic sites.

The Tri-County Conservancy, located in Chadds Ford, Pa., along the Brandywine River, was honored for significant leadership in saving remnants of the past, as well as planning for proper future developments.

The Conservancy is a public foundation active in the art and environmental fields. It is the parent organization of the Brandywine River Museum, a restored century-old gristmill that features changing art exhibitions by members of the Wyeth family and other Brandywine artists. Its Environmental Management Center is producing a mathematical computer model relating land-use changes to the effect on water quality. It has developed for township supervisors a comprehensive handbook of environmental management.

The Conservancy was honored for its work in historic registration.

A citation accompanying this award also notes: "Aware that growth had come to the Brandywine area and concerned over the shape and direction of this growth, the Conservancy gave assistance to local governments, through model ordinances and easements, to develop land-use controls. Since ownership is often required for a successful program of this nature, the Conservancy developed a mechanism to buy strategic lands, design the best arrangement of housing and accept the management and title of key open space areas."

The Conservancy also was cited for embarking on a new, long-range program featuring purchase of a 185-acre estate of historic importance. It plans to develop an environmentally sound model residential community with guaranteed open space to insure preservation of the area's rural features.

Other award winners were:

Ghirardelli Square in San Francisco, for purchasing a number of old, run-down and vacant factories and warehouses and recycling them through imaginative remodeling, landscaping, signing and graphics. Excellent restaurants, specialty shops, theatre and craft centers have given the area new interest and business respectability.

The Outdoor Circle of Hawaii, for concerning themselves not only with plantings and signs but also with shoreline zoning, urban design and renewal, land use, environmental planning and education and transportation.

The State Historical Society of Wisconsin for restoring, maintaining and operating six rich historical sites, and laying the groundwork for a huge outdoor museum that will preserve pioneer homesteads and farmsteads of the 30 or so ethnic groups that settled Wisconsin in the 19th century.

Carl Heinmiller for devoting his life and income to preserving the old *Tlingit Indian customs*, their arts, dances and culture.

Rudolph Mattesich for introducing and promoting *ski touring*, which is not an environmental hazard. Ski tourists glide over the countryside, leaving no scars on it. ■



IT'S ICY IN BUCKINGHAM!

Ice skating is a wonderful, invigorating pastime for every member of the family, and until now, residents of Central Bucks had to depend on the local ponds to pursue this winter sport. But now all that is needed is some cold weather — just enough to freeze the shallow depth of the new ice rink in the Hughesian Park adjacent to the Buckingham Elementary School — and of course, some skates. The new rink is large enough for the double-runner set, ice-hockey players and those who can cut a fine figure.

The rink will be open from dawn until dark. Ice hockey will be permitted until 10 A.M. on weekends and holidays, and fires will be allowed by permit only.

The Buckingham Skating Rink is an experimental project of the Buckingham Park and Recreation Board. The continuation of the project depends on the reception of the rink by the public. If it is misused, the project will be discontinued. ■



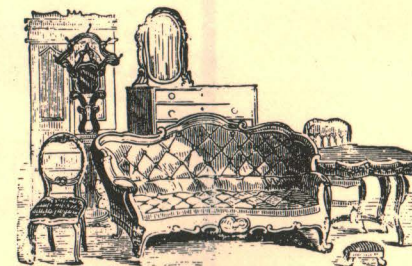
SING A SONG OF BUCKS COUNTY

The Bucks County Conservancy, Inc. is offering a special program on historical events in Bucks County to elementary, junior, and senior high schools in the County. The program is based on Lynn Sims' *Bucks County Ballads*, published by the Conservancy last year.

In announcing the new program, John A. Diemand, Jr., President of the Conservancy, said: "Last year we were fortunate to discover Lynn Sims who out of her musical talent and her deep love for her native county's natural beauty and historic background composed *Bucks County Ballads*."

Peggy Mondress of Holland, Pa., an experienced performer of folk ballads, will be carrying the message of Lynn Sims' ballads to the pupils in our public and private schools.

The long-playing record album complete with song sheet can be purchased from the Bucks County Conservancy at 21 North Main Street in Doylestown and is a collector's item that should be in every record library in every home of those who love Bucks County. ■



ANTIQUING IN YARDLEY

On Main Street of Yardley there stands a maturing barn-red building born in the year 1860. The back rooms of this building once housed a grain and feed store (Pineroom). This building was moved back from the main street to allow for the building of the Yardley Community Centre now used as a meeting house for the Martha Washington Garden Club and the Yardley Art Association. The barn is used as a playhouse for the Langhorne Players, who perform four entertaining plays a year; and as a showroom for the Yardley Antiques Show.

For three days, January 9 and 10 from 11:15 until 9:45 and January 11 from 11:15 until 6:00 the twenty-second annual Yardley Antiques Show will be offering to interested antiquers, the opportunity to consider the many items exhibited by sixteen well-known dealers.

Mary DeWaters of Staten Island, N.Y. will exhibit her fine jewelry, clocks and unique paperweights. . .

If interest lies in pressed glass or silver, the Crown and Feathers of Masonville, N.J. and The Langers of Stockton, N.J. will have a comprehensive display.

Baskets and more baskets to fill with goodies or flowers will be the feature of the Union Shop of Lambertville, N.J.

The ever popular furniture and china pieces will be on stage with The Village Smithy of Newtown, Pa. and Gallows Hill Antiques of Kintnersville, Pa.

Meta Evans of Southampton, Pa. will be displaying lovely small valuables. There is no limit to the variety of "new" antiques to be seen at this well visited show because of the fine exhibits of the Copper Eagle Antiques of Huntingdon Valley, Pa., the Willowdale Antiques of Kennett Square, Pa., The Corner of New Hope, Pa., The Bennets of Toms River, N.J., Mary Lawrence of North Branch, N.J., Mrs. Herbert Bailey of Levittown, Pa. and Mrs. Pauline Williams of Drexel Hill, Pa.

Mrs. Thomas Everist, Chairman of the Yardley Antique Show has made provisions for serving a light lunch which is served daily in the Pineroom by volunteers from the Garden Club and interested women of the community featuring homemade vegetable soup. Sandwiches and homemade cakes and pie will also be served.

If plans include a later hour visit say around 5:00, a home cooked dinner will be offered. Reservations for the dinner will be taken at the time of registration.

Make this antique show a must.

Admission is \$1.25. *Peggy Smith* ■



1975 WINTER SPORTS SHOW in Philadelphia



The 41st ANNUAL PHILADELPHIA SPORTS SHOW will begin on January 25th and continue through February 2nd. And you can see it at the Philadelphia Civic Center.

Federal, state and private conservation agencies will play a major role in the show along with several displays from the State Fish and Game Commissions and the Institute of Wilderness Education.

There will be a variety of demonstration, instruction and lecture sessions on the various sports represented — such as fishing for trout in a special pond or trying your hand at archery in the archery lane.

Over 100 exhibitors will be there displaying all you would ever want or need for your favorite sport. You can even watch entertainment shows for the whole family while you're there.

So don't miss seeing the latest in sporting goods and equipment from skis and snowmobiles to backpacks and bicycles plus the opportunity to learn something new about your favorite outdoor sport! The show is open from 5 to 10:30 p.m. Monday through Friday, 12 to 10:30 p.m. on Saturday and 12 to 7 p.m. on Sunday. ■



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BUCKS LAWYERS OFFER 24-HOUR PHONE SERVICE

Twenty-four hour Lawyer Referral Service for anyone needing legal advice is now available through the Bucks County Bar Association. William L. Goldman, BCBA president, announced that a new recording device has been added to the bar association telephones for use during hours when the office is closed.

Calls to all three BCBA numbers will be recorded. Goldman promised that callers will be contacted early on the next business day after their inquiry if they leave information where they can be reached.

The new convenience is part of a pilot program on improving the availability of legal service now being conducted by BCBA under the sponsorship of the Pennsylvania Bar Association. Its purpose is to ease the process of finding a lawyer for county residents.

"Indigent persons are eligible for Legal Aid and Public Defender help, and the wealthy person usually already has an attorney," Goldman explained. "Our concern is to aid the middle income person who needs competent legal advice."

BCBA has sponsored a Lawyer Referral Service for some years. More than 160 lawyers of the total BCBA membership of 271 serve on lawyer referral panels. The bar association makes no charge either to the lawyer or the client for the service.

A client who sees an attorney through lawyer referral pays only \$15 for the first consultation. If necessary, fees for further legal work are negotiated between lawyer and client at that time.

Before being given the PBA grant for the pilot study, BCBA had already been expanding its lawyer referral service. Cases to date this year number 371 more than during the comparable period in 1973. Through September, 1974, cases total 1412.

Harold B. Vikoren, Doylestown attorney and head of the BCBA Public Service Committee, attributed much of the increase to the installation of toll-free telephone service to the upper and lower parts of the county. Two lines to accomplish this were added to the Central Bucks number this April, he said. Extra staff to handle the increase has also been hired by BCBA.

The PBA grant for the pilot program was made through its state Committee on the Availability of Legal Service of which Vikoren and Ralf E. Gilbert, Morrisville attorney, are members.



"Art affects our environment and shapes our quality of life," is the theme for the *Earth-Art II Exhibit* which will be sponsored for a second year by the Junior League of Philadelphia, Inc. Serving as advisor for the show is the renowned artist, Sam Maitin.

The show's purpose is to provide the professional artists of the Delaware Valley the opportunity to express the artist's relationship to his environment. Work will be accepted in the following six categories: drawing, painting, sculpture, graphics, mixed media and photography. As space is limited sculpture will be submitted and juried by slide or photograph. Canvases must be framed and wired for hanging. Each artist may submit a total of two works and there is no entry fee.

The juried-judged show will be held in the new facilities of The Children's Hospital of Philadelphia, 34th St. & Civic Center Blvd. A Mini-Art Show in which the patients of The Children's Hospital of Philadelphia will exhibit their work will be coordinated with Earth-Art II.

Entries for the show will be accepted at the hospital February 24, 25, 26, 1975. There will be evening hours in order to accommodate all. Works will be selected February 27 and 28, by a jury composed of five people pre-eminent in the local art field.

The show will open Friday, April 4, 1975, and will continue through Wednesday, April 30, 1975.

Local businesses and individuals are donating an outstanding slate of cash awards and purchase prizes.

Entry blanks and a prospectus detailing entry requirements are available from Earth-Art II, P.O. Box 441, Devon, Pennsylvania 19333.

Yesterday TODAY and Tomorrow

"Today is the very first day of the rest of your life," that's the message that greets someone who asks for help at "Today", Bucks County's non-profit treatment and rehabilitation facility for drug and alcohol addiction or abuse.

Today is one of the two new agencies in the United Way this year. (The other is the Bristol-Bensalem Mental Health/Retardation Center.)

With headquarters in Newtown, (tel. 968-4713), Today offers comprehensive services that include:

Residential treatment — in two centers on the outskirts of Newtown which can help 60 young men and women from 15 to 30 years old.

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After an evaluation, which may take up to 60 days, the residents may enter one of Today's components or be referred to another program more suitable to their needs.

Work with Families — This unit maintains contact with the family and involves them in helping the addicted member. There are Parents Groups and Sibling Groups which help increase communication across the "generation gaps."

Out-patient and Day Care Services — These are located on County Line Road in Southampton, and also offer therapy groups and individual counseling.

Today was started by local citizens who observed a need — as were other United Way-supported agencies. By giving your Fair Share to the United Way, you help meet these needs.

SAVING YOUR ENERGY

You can conserve energy and save money in many ways. Some of the more common methods are using weather stripping to seal holes and cracks around doors and windows and installing storm windows to reduce heat transfer. But, Richard A. Bailey, County Agricultural Agent, Bucks County says there are many other ways in which you can conserve energy. Some may not provide big savings, but whether you are talking about energy or money, the old adage still applies—"every little bit helps."

If the ceiling of the top floor of your home is not insulated, the installation of 6 inches of fiberglass in the ceiling will provide great savings. For example, you can save up to 985 gallons of fuel oil or 23,600 kilowatt hours of electricity for each 1,000 square feet of ceiling area for typical Pennsylvania conditions by adding insulation—assuming the upstairs room temperature is 65 degrees.

In terms of dollars, this amounts to \$187 to \$354 a year. Keep in mind too, that these are minimum savings in fuel costs. To have the insulation installed it would cost approximately \$210. Doing it yourself could save approximately \$80. Adding insulation to sidewalls has similar effects upon the fuel required to heat your home. Adding more insulation to whatever is already there will provide additional savings, as well as improve the comfort of the occupants.

What about your thermostat setting? Do you let it set at the same temperature overnight as during the day. Do you let it set at the same temperature even when you are away from home for an extended period of time? If so, you are using unnecessary fuel.

And reducing the thermostat setting will not be injurious to your house plants. According to horticulturists, house plants are not injured by a drop in temperature as long as it does not go below 60 degrees. Some exceptions to this would be a few not-too common tropic plants.

Still another way to reduce your heating bill and conserve fuel is to close off rooms of the house that are not being used. For example, a game room not used frequently should be closed off and the temperature reduced. The same procedure should be followed with spare bedrooms. But, you should be careful about reducing heat in any room through which water pipes run. In such cases, don't reduce the temperature below 40 degrees.

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Between Friends

Winter is finally here and although many people can be heard to grumble and complain about the cold, it is really one of my favorite seasons. There is nothing nicer than a cold brisk day to wake up the senses. I love to see people scurrying about in warm wooly coats — all bundled up — they seem to look more alive than in the summertime when the humidity and temperatures are high, and the air is oppressive.

Wintertime is great! It's great for sitting next to a roaring fire, for drinking hot buttered rum or hot chocolate and popping corn. It's great for snuggling under an eiderdown quilt at bedtime. And it's the only time of year you can use your ice skates outside, your sled or toboggan, skis, snowmobile, ice boat or snowshoes. So get ready for winter sports!

While you are enjoying wintertime, remember to think about the hazards of the harsh conditions of wind, cold and snow on the human body. Wind, temperature and moisture contribute to the loss of body heat. If your clothing is wet, the loss is greater. This can result in a condition known as "Hypothermia" — subnormal body temperature, which can result in death if untreated. Hypothermia can develop at 30° to -50° air temperatures when you are cold and wet. Uncontrollable shivering is the first sign of an impending problem.

Don't make the mistake of thinking this happens only to skiers and mountain climbers — it can happen to the small child who goes out to play in the new-fallen snow in his own back yard. The minute the body begins to lose heat faster than it produces it, two things happen — you voluntarily exercise to stay warm and your body makes involuntary adjustments to preserve the normal temperature in your vital organs. If nothing is done at this point, the cold will reach the brain depriving you of judgment and reasoning power, hands will become uncontrollable, drowsiness will set in and without treatment — death.

Everyone should know how to treat Hypothermia because you never know when it will strike you or a member of your family.

We found out the hard way.

Last winter our two-year-old went out for a romp in the snow. He was only out for fifteen minutes when he was missed but that was long enough. Without the proper apparel he had reached the point of drowsiness in that short time. We were fortunate in reaching a doctor who had spent some time in Alaska and he quickly told us how to treat the problem of bringing the body temperature back up to normal.

Treatment is the exact opposite of that for treating a high fever — a warm, but not hot, bath, followed by warm, dry clothing, warm blankets — a heating pad, on low perhaps, and warm drinks.

Be careful this winter, dress warmly and in layers, never ignore shivering and beware the wind and wet.

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Good warm clothing is an essential for enjoying wintertime and the best place to find it is in a sporting goods store that caters to the winter sports. That's where you can find waterproof gloves and mittens, down-filled parkas, thermal socks and underclothing, great selections of hats and scarves and toasty warm blankets. Remember that natural fibers such as wool and cotton are warmer than the synthetics.

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There's lots to do in and around Bucks County in the wintertime. See our Nutshell Guide to Winter Sports for Bucks Countians — you needn't go to Sun Valley, Idaho or Stowe, Vermont to enjoy the winter — it's all right here close to your own back yard.

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THE ANTIQUE HUNTER

Like veteran antique-lovers everywhere, I suffer from that well-known disease labeled *Auctionitis*. The symptoms vary depending on individual personalities, however for myself, the attack usually appears near the end of the week when I leaf madly through local newspapers which herald these coming events. After the first feverish onslaught, relative calm descends until the appointed day when, oddly enough, my palms start itching.

I have always loved a bargain and as an optimist of the first degree, I dream of being the only person who is aware that under twenty coats of paint and several inches of grime, is an eighteenth century pine tavern table. And to continue my delusion, since everyone else assumes it is a piece of junk fit only for the fireplace, my unchallenged bid of \$1.85 will procure for me an authentic antique worth millions and I will live happily ever after — amen.

Well, to get back to the real world, the chance of such an occurrence is slim but not unheard of. So, for the benefit of those readers who are as yet unfamiliar with the ins and outs of auctions, I offer a guideline for effective buying.

The rules vary depending on the locale but basically it comes down to you against everyone else and the high bidder gets the piece hopefully at a bargain price.

Formal auction houses such as the famed Sotheby Parke Bernet Gallery in New York City offer catalogues describing the items to be put up for bid. Learning how to read these catalogues is important and certain words give pertinent clues to the would-be buyer. For instance — a piece described as a "style" (e.g. Queen Anne style) means the gallery thinks the item is a reproduction. If major repair work has been done, lessening the value, there is often no area of origin or date listed. An item listed as "restored" means just that but usually the restoration is minimal and the item is still valuable.

Careful examination of the article before bidding starts is a must. Also, once you have decided to bid, pick a price and stick to it or the excitement of the moment may spur you on to an extravagance you are unprepared for. Keep in mind that a formal auction house usually has on hand an expert who can aid you and professional dealers who will give advice for a 10% commission on your buying price.

Country auctions which are generally held in barns and homes differ from the formal gallery auctions in that they rarely offer catalogues and you are really on your own. Often the auction house will set a pre-sale date and you can take your time examining the items which interest you.

Buying can be chancy for the novice collector but there are a few steadfast rules to help guide you. The construction of a piece can tell an awful lot. For example, the bottoms of drawers are generally thicker in the middle than at the edges where they have been hand-hewn to fit the drawer frame. Back pieces are rough and unfinished and should show straight tool marks since circular marks indicate modern equipment was used. Check the hardware, nails and screws which also help date the item. Looking at the drawer joints is important since different methods were used by early cabinetmakers. Check carefully for restoration and a good clue to follow is the color or patina of the wood. There is no stain available that can match the timeless aging process that colors a genuine antique.

Don't pass over those junky looking box lots at the country auctions either. Many a "buried treasure" has been found nestled in with the old pots and plastic flowers.

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the Country Gardener

by Steve Cooper

THE IMPORTANCE OF A TREE

1974 might be thought of as the year of "the bypass" — in the literal as well as the figurative sense. A sight that saddened me deeply spurred this thought and further observations both in the news and in day to day living have formed the basis for this statement. We have lost the capacity to live in harmony with nature as well as our fellow man. We have adopted the ideals of action over thought, make-do over-planning, immediate needs over future prerequisites, in short the bypass.

The sight that did inspire this thought was brought on by the construction of one such bypass. To be specific, the Newtown bypass. In the way of construction stood a very large as well as very old oak. I believe it was a Penn Tree (so designated because it was living when Bill Penn was naming our state "Penn's Woods"). In short order this tree was felled to make room for the oncoming rush of the bypass.

I do not intend here to question the need of the bypass, many minds wiser than mine surely have debated the point, my question is why does a tree of this stature have to be cut down. I don't pretend to know the particulars of the road construction and planning game. I do have a reaction to the destroying of a piece of natural history that cannot be replaced. The argument has been given that the tree was in the way. It had to go or great expense would have to be allocated for an island in the middle of the Newtown expressway for the tree to exist. This comment was finalized by the statement, "What is so special about an old tree anyway?"

Is my income hurt by the death of a tree? No! Is my present lifestyle altered because of the loss? No! Is the economy of the country changed by the death of a tree? No! Then what does the cutting down of one tree have to do with anything that is important in anyone's life? Plenty!

Because it chose to grow makes it important. Because it is old makes it special. Because it lived in Bucks County makes it mine.

I do not wish to make this incident sound as a bleak forecast of the future of the woodland in the county or country. It is, however, a prime example of the bypass attitude.

A few years ago another bypass was about to take the last remaining stand of virgin timber left in this county. The route around Doylestown was to flatten a small stand of oaks and beech south of the metropolis. A small group of citizens, outraged at the prospect fought for the route change. They were successful, to a point. The route was changed slightly so as to remove a minimal amount of the charm of this wooded area.

At the time of the fight, many people were skeptical. Conservationists were thought of as nuts that ran in front of bulldozers to save a sapling that meant nothing. This attitude was changed by a visit to the area that was to be cleared. The words, majesty, quiet, natural all come to mind when this area is thought of. But the word that describes it best to me is peace. The peace that is brought on by the action of nature doing her own thing — as it were. The peace of nature taking its course, seeking her own way towards perfection.

In spite of the roar of the traffic that can be heard from these woods, the peace remains and shall remain until the bypass of the bypass threatens, or until greed turns that peace into apathy and the trees to ash.

My point is not for the return of the dirt road and cow path. I enjoy getting from one point to another as quickly as possible when time demands. I would like to assert my opinion on the planning of such routes and projects that rid our county of its heritage, charm and its native's memories.

"What does the cutting of one tree have to do with anything that is important...?"

Another project that has been receiving some notice lately is the bypass of the bridge in Dark Hollow — on the southern edge of Buckingham Township adjoining Warrington. This area is propped as dangerous — there is an unexpected curve at the end of the bridge which speeding, nighttime drivers might miss.

Anyone who has driven down Dark Hollow Road is familiar with the serene beauty of the area with its woods, old stone houses and the rambling Neshaminy. It is not a heavily traveled road — on the contrary — it is more common to see people on horseback there than in cars. That particular area has excellent bridle paths along with being used by hunt clubs.

Now, a bypass is an expensive proposition, and in this time of little money and high taxes, it seems that perhaps a few street lights might solve the problem for those drivers that cannot slow down and enjoy the quiet beauty of the area. C.C.



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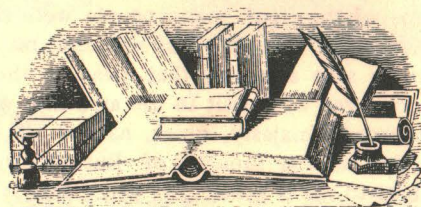
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FAIRMOUNT PARK, A History and A Guidebook by Esther M. Klein. Harcum Junior College Press, Bryn Mawr, Pa., 1974, 288 pp., with 60 Photographic Illustrations, \$3.00

Fairmount Park, the largest landscaped city-owned park in the world, now has its first official history and guidebook. The 288 page paperback was written after three years of research by Esther M. Klein, well-known civic leader and author.

The new book contains 60 photographs of various mansions, statues, sculptures, bridges, fountains, museums and other sites in the Park. The index notes more than 2,000 landmarks and persons associated with the Park.

"This history and guidebook is meant to be a walking, driving and cycling guide for the expected millions of Bicentennial visitors as well as for Philadelphia citizens who have never fully explored the 8,000 acres that constitute our city's largest natural recreational resource," said Mrs. Klein.

"No other city in the world has a park that can boast of so many 'first' attractions. Here are America's first botanical gardens, zoo, children's zoo, paper mill, gin mill, suspension bridge, water works, public drinking fountain, international youth hostel and environmental center," the author continued.

The book traces the history of Fairmount Park from William Penn's first observation of the high bluff at the head of today's Benjamin Franklin Parkway which he called "Faire Mount." Impressed by the Schuylkill River's then sparkling water and the mount's slope, Penn brought a skilled wine grower from France to plant a vineyard and establish the first winery in the new world. The "Faire Mount Vineyard" failed but 300 years later on its site was built the magnificent Philadelphia Museum of Art.

Mrs. Klein, who has never lived more than a mile from Fairmount Park, is the author of "Guidebook to Jewish Philadelphia" published in 1965. She is a former newspaper

publisher, author and radio commentator and has served on many committees, including those of The Philadelphia Orchestra, Independence National Historical Park, Rittenhouse Square Flower Show and Art Alliance. She was designated, in 1971, as a Distinguished Daughter of Pennsylvania for her civic leadership.

"HOME IS WHERE..." by Josephine B. Moretti. Published by Golden Quill Press. 64 pp., \$4.00

Josephine B. Moretti, Jenkintown's "Poem Lady," got her unique nickname from a third-grader who was one of the students she inspired in her elementary school poetry workshops conducted in 1971 and 1972 under the sponsorship of the Pennsylvania Poetry Society.

After writing her first poem at nine, Mrs. Moretti had written several hundred before she was 18, and received her first writing prize in high school.

A winner of numerous writing scholarships at Temple University and elsewhere, she won first prize for light verse at the Philadelphia Writers' Conference in 1971, and was honored in the May 1973 issue of *The Pen Woman*. Mrs. Moretti's verse has appeared in area publications such as the *Sunday Bulletin*, *Grit*, and others.

Now she has published her first collection of verse, entitled "Home Is Where..." and it is reassuring to know that poetry which rhymes; celebrates love, marriage and parenthood in wry, comic fashion; and is completely comprehensible to anyone who can read English, can nevertheless still find a commercial publisher, reputable even if small. After a decade of so-called poems extolling neuroses, premarital sex, the value of drugs as inspiration, and castigating the "straights" for a whole spectrum of faults ranging from the world situation to unwillingness to turn on or cop out, it's rather nice to know that.

In the tradition of Ogden Nash and Dorothy Parker, less self-consciously sophisticated than Lois Wyse, these brief, bright verses appear simple and artless but are in fact the amused but loving reflections on life of a skilled poet who also happens to be a suburban wife and mother of three teen-age boys.

Mrs. Moretti says in print and rhyme what millions of women all over the country must think, feel and experience daily, and therein lies the charm of this slim book.

While the quality of the verse is uneven, many of them do hit their mark. As the mother of a teen-age boy, I particularly enjoyed "The Wheels Keep Turning":

"My son came down on Saturday morning

His earliest day this year;

To cut the grass and trim all around,

Now why did he volunteer?

"When the work was finished and he washed and dressed,
(Was it normal or was it psychal?)

He sat with us and said we're great—

—And he wants a motorcycle...

For anyone who finds daily life frustrating but rewarding, this attractive book of verse will provide welcome corroboration and some chuckles. Though not available in bookstores, the book can be obtained by mail from: Golden Quill Press, Francetown, N.H. 03043.

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the Splendors of Winter

by L. R. Lawfer

As I was growing up in Bucks County I remember a neighbor who considered himself very articulate. Each and every morning, after a snowfall, bright and early — if school was not in session, he would be the first to run down the block alerting everyone. (We often wondered how he knew before any of the rest of us on the block — but we resigned ourselves to the fact that it was one of life's wonders — like the new-fallen snow.) He would knock politely but demandingly on each door. Like the town crier of old who somewhat sadistically enjoyed the early morning vigil of alert, but disarmed of the weapon-bell, our excited neighbor resorted to pummeling doors and poking assured fingers on doorbells. Always met by bathrobed and yawning bodies he was undaunted in his duty. Eddie Hascal could not have been more polite.

"Good morning Mrs. Cleaver, did you know last night it snowed." And without stopping for a reaction, "yes well it seems the roads are inallowable and we, that is the children — including myself, will not have to attend school for today." A proud smile would cross his face and he would feel quite relieved by that very communication.

Somehow we always felt he was a reincarnation of Paul Revere, but as you know it is difficult to prove something like that. I believe he now works for a local paper and will continue to alert all of the snow, or in the late edition — "snow." My mother, a woman of meager humor in the morning, would open the door on those days and seeing him would ask, "What'snew?" It was a bad joke then as it is now.

There is a whole sector of our society that seriously considers winter and especially the snow and ice as nature's bad joke thrust upon us year after year. Just something to be tolerated. There are those who curse and gnash their teeth beginning with the first fall of the leaves all the way through the splendor of winter right up to the arrival of the first robin. Somehow, those who are aware of the many and varied kinds of sports and other activities that only winter can provide feel a certain kind of remorse for those who blindly hate the season. A winter hater begins:

"Oh, there's trouble driving . . ."

"You have to get so bundled up . . ."

"The days seem so short . . . and even if I wanted to ski or toboggan or skate, I can't find anywhere around here. Why I'd have to fly all the way to Colorado or New England and I certainly can't afford that, not with today's economy." Endless verbiage.

These complaints sound so ridiculous and in truth are unfounded, *Panorama* has decided to put all these old jokes and complaints to rest.

Haven't you ever found yourself trying to describe to someone who has never seen real snow what it is really like? You may try to describe the immediate feeling of wonder when you first look out the window in the morning to see the earth covered with that white blanket so untouched and quiet. Or the excitement and freedom of wind and snow while riding your snowmobile over one of the many marked paths in Bucks County. Or possibly you are one of the many who have found new challenge in cross-country skiing. Inexpensive — yes, no need to travel anywhere, winter will deposit the necessary ingredient in your own back yard free of charge.

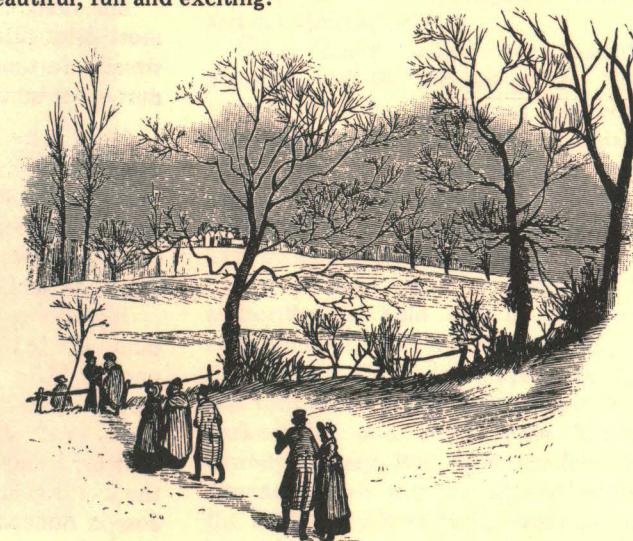
It has been said that your age may be measured by how easily you rationalize away your whims. Watching children slide down, toboggan down, skate around, ski down, fall down, jump up and down in the snow on a hill leaves anyone who is, in the least young in spirit, with the desire to join in the fun. And some who are not so stodgy even give it a go.

"Winter" in Bucks County and the surrounding areas is, without a doubt, as the poet Roy Campbell once wrote, "... the paragon of art." There are those who will never see the beauty or joy of winter. There are those who will never realize the fun and excitement of the snow and ice that sits in our own back yard. There are those who prefer to spend vast sums of money to travel long distances not fully realizing the beauty, challenge and enjoyment of our own mountains and valleys.

But for the many who are not aware of the wonder of winter — who wish to experience all of this and not spend and overspend — we include a list of places to visit for a week-end, for the day. Aside from the skiing, tobogganing, skating, sledding, snowmobiling and so on that is all just a part of the winter sports scene in our area, there is a possibility you may even like to get out and just take a walk in the snow. For that you don't need a list . . . enjoy!

Winter's snow and ice is not some bad joke to be endured from fall to spring. It is inevitable — like the neighbor who — too excited to stay home — just had to alert everyone of the new fallen beauty.

Wintertime is a part of us all and in Bucks County winter is beautiful, fun and exciting!





Sarah Lukens Keene — (18-- , 1850)

the First Miss America

by
Dora Thompson Colville

Sarah Lukens Keene was the most colorful woman of her day in Bristol, Pa. She was, at least, the woman who attained the greatest prominence in the town from its beginning in 1681 perhaps to the present day.

She lived in the finest house, had the most distinguished friends, and the most sizeable fortune of any woman in Bristol during her lifetime.

Miss Sally, as she was affectionally called, lived in Bristol for about thirty years 1820-1850. A local historian writes that during her stay in the town she lived in a state not duplicated by any family in Bristol of that period.

Her home the Keene Mansion was built in 1816 by Colonel Lenox, her uncle, who once represented the Government of the United States at the Court of St. James, in London, England. "Fit for a king," is an early description of the mansion and nearly lived in by a king. Joseph Bonaparte, former King of Spain, wanted to purchase it when he was a resident of Bordentown, N.J. in 1817.

The laws of Pennsylvania however prohibited a foreigner from holding real estate. New Jersey's legislature had repealed this law, which was similar to Pennsylvania's as an inducement for the king to settle in their state.

Sally's mansion, which she inherited from her uncle, was built to resemble a French Chateau. It was not a large structure. The town's people often referred to it as, "Dignified." It was three stories high, octagonal in shape, graceful in its lines with huge windows on the first floor which reached to the floor. There were sixteen rooms in the house. Two spacious balconies on the first and second floors commanded a fine view of the Delaware River.

The mistress of this home was a lady of rare beauty from local accounts. Perhaps another attribute might be added, one which was not often mentioned in her era, she was a very brilliant woman. She has been described as, "one versed in mental culture." She also was an accomplished musician, playing the harp. (See photograph)

She accompanied her uncle to England, and while in England, she received her title of, "The American Beauty." In London she was often present at dinners and receptions given to the foreign ministers by King George IV, who on one occasion led her in a dance, after which he complimented her on her beauty and gracefulness. So, sans Atlantic City, bathing suit, or a talent contest, Sally's beauty title was given personally by the subjects of a king with his approval.

At another official dinner attended by Miss Keene and her uncle in England, the conversation led to American women. A guest present announced that American women all had bad teeth. Colonel Lenox heard this remark and said to his niece, "Sally, stand up and show your teeth." This episode was repeated for many years thereafter in the town of Bristol.

Sally's Radcliffe Street mansion on the Delaware River was visited by many illustrious people of this country and Europe. Joseph Bonaparte, a frequent visitor to the Keene Estate, traveled there by barge on the river, and was often accompanied by his nephew, Prince Murat. The barge, manned by four oarsmen must have presented a beautiful picture with the American and French flags waving in the breeze.



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On one occasion an Indian Chieftain, complete with war bonnet, was a guest at the Keene home. Therein lies one of the old Bristol wife's tales of Sally Keene and the Indian head penny. While her uncle was entertaining his Indian guest, Miss Sally facetiously tried on the head feathers which were left on a table in the foyer. Another guest happened to see Sally wearing this unusual head gear and was said to be connected with the Philadelphia Mint. He supposedly remarked, "Miss Keene, you present a fine idea for a new coin," and according to the legend passed on by the older residents of the town, Miss Keene through this incident became the inspiration for the Indian head penny. The Indian penny does have the face of a white woman but Sally Keene did not pose for it and perhaps this is why the story was dropped. Some Bristol folk still do like to believe that Sally did present the original conception for the coin — after all Philadelphia has its Betsy Ross story to be proud of, why can't Bristol claim this penny legend?

Sally never married. Perhaps an incident told about one of her suitors, Colonel John Hare Powell, who served on the staff of General Scott in the War of 1812, will explain why. The colonel asked Sally to marry him but she directed him to her elderly, beloved aunt and



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guardian, Tracy Lenox. Powell called upon the older woman and made his request. Her reply was, "Mr. Powell you ask for my consent to your marriage with my niece, my answer is, Miss Sarah Lukens Keene is intended for the son of a duke or a lord and not the son of a brewer." John picked up his hat, so the story relates, and departed and the courtship ended. He later married and became one of Philadelphia's honored and enterprising citizens.

Sally Keene willed her beautiful mansion and its furnishings to: "The Bishop of the Protestant Episcopal Church of the Diocese of Philadelphia, in trust, for the maintenance of aged gentelwomen, widows or single women of respectability and decayed fortunes, who have become destitute in old age."

Her home was considered by authorities to hold one of the finest collections of Federal style furnishings in the country. (See photographs) Sadly, it was torn down in the 1960's to provide a parking lot and more space for the Grundy Library. But, Sally, the first Miss America, albeit with the title offered by the British, Pre-Burt Parks, lives on in the hearts of the town's folk and its folklore as Bristol's First Lady of Beauty.



Asleep in the tissue box

the Adoptables

by Suzanne Mieso

I looked forward to our move to Bucks County with great anticipation. Not only were we moving to a beautiful area of the country but also I knew I would now have the time to do all those things that my previous busy job prevented me from doing.

One of the first items on my list was doing volunteer work for the SPCA (Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals). A frustrated veterinarian at heart, I had been around animals all my life and truly "never met an animal I didn't like." I was delighted to find that the Bucks County SPCA was no more than 5 minutes away on Street Road in Lahaska, Pa.

My arrival at the Shelter was heralded with a chorus of off-key yips and squeals. The main building housed the office plus the kitten and puppy area. I lingered long there, finding it difficult to suppress the temptation to blurt out, "I'll take 5 of these, 3 of those..." But I resisted that time, leaving only with a stack of letters to type on an antique portable typewriter.

My visits were frequent, and a side trip back to see the puppies and kittens was the highlight of each call. Being a volunteer for the SPCA has its advantages and rewards. I always felt that I was contributing in a small way to helping these little creatures and that was a good feeling. But also I knew from my many visits whenever something "special" was brought in for adoption.

That's how I found out about Teddi. One of the staff at the Shelter knew what I wanted and called for me to come and see the latest arrival of kittens. I returned home with an orange, part Persian ball of fluff. The name Teddi seemed to fit just right. He is now almost a year old, fat and contented in receiving all of the attention that he demands.

I am grateful to the SPCA, as are hundreds of others in the Bucks County area, for providing me with a healthy, lovable pet. But they are much more than an adoption service. The Bucks County SPCA assumes the responsibility for approximately 14,000 lost, injured or unwanted animals every year, 40% of which find new homes. Euthanasia is administered when necessary by hypodermic injection — a completely painless method. Emergency rescue service with veterinary first aid for injured animals is provided 24 hours a day, every day of the year. As a law enforcement agency, the SPCA investigates reports of cruelty, makes corrections where possible and prosecutes when necessary. They maintain a comprehensive program of humane education, providing free lectures with slides or film and guided tours of the Shelter. And they maintain a cemetery for departed pets, a project that began in the 1930's.

The Bucks County SPCA was founded in 1913 by L. Knickerbacker Davis of Doylestown, a noted artist and writer.

Sixty-five of his 88 years were spent as a Volunteer Agent for the Pennsylvania SPCA for which he was awarded the Society's medal and citation. In 1967, Mr. Davis was named Pennsylvania's Humanitarian of the Year by the American Humane Association. His sustained interest in the welfare and protection of all animals earned him numerous plaques and citations, and his recent death is a loss to all humanitarians. His wife Grace hopes to carry out his long-standing plans for writing a history of the Bucks County SPCA.

Mrs. John Irwin, President of the BCSPCA, has been instrumental in securing the legislation necessary to protect all animals and promote SPCA activities. Her numerous trips to Harrisburg to meet with legislators has brought much needed reform and put teeth into the laws regarding cruelty to animals.

One of Mrs. Irwin's primary objectives is a state-wide animal population control program to eliminate the problems caused by animals running loose. The enforcement of such laws would prevent animals from breeding indiscriminately, getting lost or killed in traffic. She urges all concerned citizens to attend their township meetings and let their elected officials know the importance of animal control laws.

Mrs. Irwin's dedication to animals goes without saying and this recent example illustrates that point perfectly.



the prize winning spaniel

She received a call from a lady in Kulps Corner whose chicken coop was being used as a nursery for a stray Black Labrador Retriever and her seven puppies. Mrs. Irwin managed to rescue the puppies but could not get close enough to corral the mother. She brought food, hoping to lure the Lab from underneath the small enclosure but to no avail. And every day, she returned with more food and water, trying to gain the animal's confidence enough to come out. As of this writing, the Lab is still under the chicken coop, anxiously awaiting Mrs. Irwin's arrival, I'm sure, but not enough to venture forth. Mrs. Irwin asks *Panorama* readers for volunteers to take turns feeding the dog daily.

The high cost of operating the BCSPCA is offset mainly by the money received from the adoption of animals. A donation of \$5 for dogs and \$3 for cats is asked unless the animal is a purebred. There usually are a few purebreds available — St. Bernard, Irish Setter, Beagle, Spitz and Dachshund, to name a few plus a variety of mixed breeds. And there usually are about 90 dogs and puppies and 20 cats and kittens to choose from. Rabbits, hamsters, gerbils, guinea pigs, white mice and parakeets are frequently there for adoption also. A wide selection is always guaranteed and the price is very reasonable.

One of the more interesting "characters" at the Shelter was an adult Beagle named Chopper, a hit-run victim. After the BCSPCA ambulance picked her up, she was given proper veterinary attention and soon was as good as new. But no one adopted Chopper and she remained at the Shelter for months. You see, to put it kindly, Chopper was not the most attractive dog available. Her lower jaw protruded extensively, displaying almost her entire lower plate. She really did look comical and unfortunately, somewhat pitiful. But the ending is a happy one — Chopper was finally adopted and today has a wonderful home with an appreciative family.

The pet you adopt could turn out to be a prize-winner, as was the case with a Springer Spaniel named Jinjer. At first, Jinjer was unmanageable, ill-tempered, and had a voracious appetite for furniture, carpeting and everything else that was chewable. But after considerable patience and understanding by her owner plus obedience training for Jinjer, she has become a well-adjusted family dog. She won numerous obedience honors, including first in her class in New Jersey competition. And Jinjer has the trophies to prove it. Another success story from the BCSPCA!

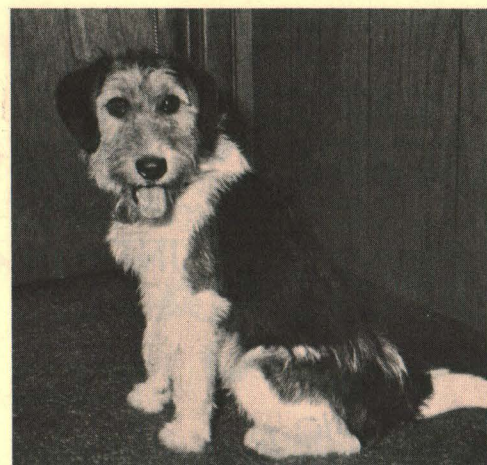
If you've been to the BCSPCA recently, you may have seen a tired, old Cocker Spaniel sleeping underneath one of the desks in the office. "Mommy" has become somewhat of a mascot, although a good home for her is welcomed. Several "found" ads in the newspaper have failed to produce her owner. Mommy is blind but a trusting, affectionate and sometimes even playful pet. Yes, she is old and handicapped but would make some family a devoted and loving pet.



Manager Anne Irwin and friend.

Another elderly Beagle in similar straits seemed to know just where to go to look for protection from the cold December weather. He was found at the front door of the Shelter, asking to be let in. After receiving nourishment and a warm bed, he was given a big red bow to wear. And the best Christmas present of all was his new owner who adopted him as a companion to another elderly Beagle. Reports indicate that they've become real pals.

Private contributors, bequests, revenue from a few townships, and some county funds make up the balance of income for the SPCA. A newly-founded organization, Friends of the Bucks County SPCA, is an all-volunteer group whose objective is to organize special projects to raise funds. If you are interested in joining, please call Mrs. D. R. Plumb at 794-7425 for more information.

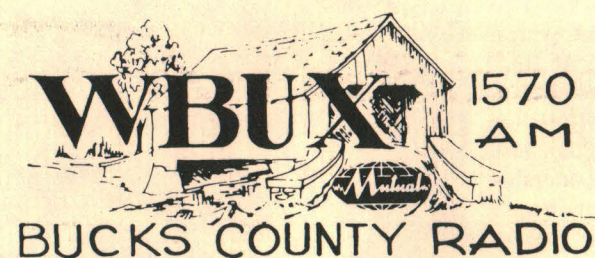


A lovable ragamuffin

You may also like to become a member of the BCSPCA. Dues are \$5 for an individual up to \$100 for a lifetime membership. Junior memberships for those under 18 are available for \$1. All members receive a copy of "The Shelter," a pictorial publication giving the latest news from the SPCA. All dues and other contributions are fully tax deductible. Please call 794-7425 if you wish to join. All money is spent directly for the animals.

Volunteers in every capacity are always needed. Since my discussion with Mrs. Irwin, I found out about more interesting jobs other than clerical work. The Education Committee plans programs for schools and interested groups showing slides or films about the SPCA, the responsibility of pet owners, etc. Exercising and grooming the dogs are popular jobs which help teach the care and handling of animals. For those who enjoy working outside, there's gardening and groundskeeping. Volunteers for post-adoption home checks are needed also. Assisting the new pet owners in every capacity is the objective of this job. Anne Irwin, Assistant Manager of the BCSPCA, or Mrs. Angela Romelli, Manager, will be glad to answer any questions regarding volunteer work. A few hours a month will be greatly appreciated.

And even those who can't spare the time for volunteer work can still help by saving green stamps which can be redeemed for cash (the BCSPCA ambulance was purchased with stamps) and "cents off" coupons which can be traded for stamps. So please clip your coupons from newspapers and magazines and urge your friends to do the same. In some way, all of us can assist the BCSPCA in providing a better life for all animals.



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FATHER AND SON NIGHT

ONE OF THE most memorable events Doylestown ever had occurred while this RAMBLER was with the American Expeditionary Forces in France in World War I covering assignments for the original "Stars & Stripes" newspaper. There are still a few folks around (or certainly some of their relatives) who remember the facts about this event, and an old-time buddy of mine recalled the event during an enjoyable visit recently.

IT WAS THE occasion of a "Father-and-Son Night" held in the Doylestown Armory on November 18, 1919, with dads and sons — natural or by adoption — from miles around, filling the auditorium of the Armory on Shewell Avenue to the point of overflowing. Four-hundred persons attended the affair, and the spirit was so good that there was no hesitation on the part of the dads to signing a promissory note which each one received.

A COPY OF this note reads as follows: "For one year from date, I promise to give my son _____ one hour of my time every day with two hours on Sunday. And I promise that this time shall be solely his, without interference for business or pleasure of any sort, and that I shall regard it as a prior engagement each day."

PARENTS AND progeny really got together at this affair and it was a question, my friend told me, whether the youngsters or the dads enjoyed the novelty and the fun of that evening the most. By 7 P.M. there was a line outside the Armory waiting to pass through the wicket where table reservations were made. Inside the tables were quickly filling as the National Farm School Orchestra helped in the warming-up process.

THERE WERE many flags, "Welcome" signs and banners. A little Army of women from the various churches in Central Bucks County served a tasty dinner. Rev. William E. Steckel, pastor then of the Doylestown Presbyterian Church, was the toastmaster, while other spellbinders of the dais were Prof. Calvin D. Althouse, of Philadelphia; Judge William C. Ryan of the Bucks County Courts; Leigh Mitchell Hodges, famous newspaper columnist; Bucks County Superintendent of Schools J. Harry Hoffman; Dr. Bernard Ostrolenk, Dean of National Farm School; Asher K. Anders, W. J. Sweigard, Wynne James, Jr., Radcliffe Worthington and Fred Martin.

FRANK GERLITZKI, Doylestown's great community song-leader, was on the orchestra platform, operating in his usual efficient manner. Long-winded speeches were taboo, with Toastmaster Steckel operating a red light danger signal and a shrill siren in the gallery to halt the various orators at the end of three minutes.

THIS WAS A WONDERFUL AFFAIR. It would be well to have repeat performances every year, with all organizations in the area participating.

INVENTORS A-PLENTY

ALTHOUGH BUCKS County has produced no Edison or Steinmetz', men like Admiral John A. Dahlgren (U.S. Navy), Dr. Henry C. Mercer, Colonel Charles Ellet, Jr., Captain Burnett Landreth and Dr. Samuel Stockton White contributed much to the advancement of mechanical science, chemistry and agricultural mechanics. Many others who lived in Bucks County also received enviable recognition, some of it from the foreign governments.

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COLONEL CHARLES Ellet, born at Penn's Manor in Falls Township in 1810, built the first wire suspension bridge made in the western hemisphere, at Fairmount Park, Philadelphia; another in Wheeling, W. Va., as well as one in Niagara Falls. Admiral Dahlgren lived on a farm near Hartsville, and his inventions were responsible for many improvements in naval warfare. The Landreths of Bristol were American pioneers in the field of horticulture and forestry, freestone peaches were first distributed from their nurseries. In 1790 a steam-powered tractor was used on the Landreth farm for the first time in Pennsylvania for plowing.

DR. HENRY C. MERCER was born in Doylestown. As an archaeologist and scientist he elevated his home, community and the county of Bucks to a high plane of world-wide eminence. Dr. Mercer invented several new methods of making tile. His home, "Fonthill," and the beautiful Mercer Museum in Doylestown are visited annually by thousands of folks from all parts of the world.

SAMUEL WHITE, D.D.S. born in Hulmeville, became the founder and head of the S. S. White Dental Manufacturing Company in Philadelphia. Dr. Howard A. Trego, of Newtown, another dentist, was the first to administer nitrous oxide or "laughing gas," which he manufactured in the basement of his home.

THE FIRST practical iron-mould-board-plow in Pennsylvania, in fact the first anywhere in the world, was manufactured by Joseph and Robert Smith on their farm in Buckingham. John Fitch and his invention of the steamboat is a long story and is known by most Bucks countians. Victor Kulp, of Edison, invented an automatic train stop to prevent head on and rear end collisions on railroads where the signal system fails.

HORSE COMPANY'S 140TH

The 140th ANNUAL dinner — meeting of the Union Horse Company of Doylestown and vicinity For Detecting and Apprehending Horse Thieves and Other Villians will be held at High Noon, Saturday, February 8, 1975, at the Bucks County Motor Inn, Doylestown, according to President and Barn Boss Jim Gemmell, 3rd.

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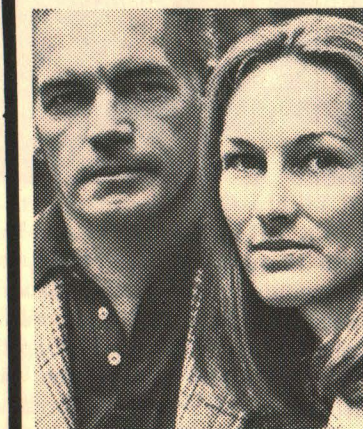
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BUCK HILL, Buck Hill Falls, Pa. This is a family ski area with 12 open slopes and trails, two pomalifts, both indoor and outdoor ice skating, indoor pool, toboggan run, 20 miles of snowmobile trails with cross country trips and competitions, bridle paths, trap shooting and glider flying. This 7,000 acre estate offers the famed Buck Hill Falls, Jenkins Woods — a virgin forest untouched by man and an art association. Plus, in the inn, such goodies are available as hydra-massage baths, a library, game rooms and the latest movies. Buck Hill offers a mid-week ski-free package.

SKI THE BIG TWO is the package that both Big Boulder and Jack Frost Mountain are offering this year as they are only minutes away from each other. They both offer excellent ski schools with a choice of techniques — either the popular American Skiing Technique or the Graduated Length Method. Both also offer a special instruction session for the preschool group — a sort of play-in-the-snow introduction to skiing plus racing clinics, free style clinics and special learn-to-ski weeks in either a three or five day plan. Senior citizens aren't forgotten at either area. On any week day skiers 65 years and over get special rates.

BIG BOULDER, Lake Harmony, Pa. This is the longest lived ski area in the Poconos. There are 11 slopes and trails and seven lifts. The atmosphere is old world reminiscent of the Austrian Tyrol. You can always stay at nearby Split Rock Lodge and avail yourself of the many other winter sports that take place on Lake Harmony such as ice boating.

JACK FROST MOUNTAIN, White Haven, Pa. Jack Frost is the newest of the ski resorts and is the most modern and complete ski complex in Pennsylvania. In fact it was designed for skiers by skiers and it has a wide variety in its 11 varied slopes from the gentle beginner slope to the challenging expert runs. Jack Frost has seven lifts.

CAMELBACK, Tannersville, Pa. This resort gets its name from the outline of a camel's back on Big Pocono Mountain. There are 16 slopes and trails plus night skiing, nursery facilities, a ski school, of course, and 6 lifts to take you up the mountain. Their ski school promises the beginner will master parallel turns by the end of the ski week package. They also have a special ski school for the

four to eight year olds. Camelback has a free reservation service that promises to find the type of lodging for you that you desire in their area.

CHADD'S PEAK, Chadd's Ford, Pa. This small area is noted for its night skiing and special ski racing clinics for the younger set which it operates in conjunction with both Spring Mountain and Elk Mountain ski areas in the Poconos.

DOE MOUNTAIN, Macungie, Pa. Two major slopes are served by two double chairlifts, a T-bar and two rope tows. Doe Mountain also offers night skiing and ski jumping.

ELK MOUNTAIN, Union Dale, Pa. Sixteen slopes and trails are reached by three double chairlifts and one J-bar. Some say that Elk Mountain is comparable to Vermont type skiing which means the trails and slopes are nice and long plus there are five slopes for expert skiers. This year Elk Mountain also has an expanded teaching slope with 50 instructors at your service.

SPRING MOUNTAIN, Schwenksville, Pa. Night skiing and ski racing are specialties here with seven slopes and trails reached by two double chairlifts and three rope tows. This one is really close to home.

TAMIMENT RESORT AND COUNTRY CLUB, Tamiment, Pa. This is a summer resort that has expanded its service to being a year 'round hotel. The skiing is for beginners and intermediates but the emphasis is on the night life with name entertainment. Other winter sports offered are tobogganing, sledding, snowmobiling, ice skating and ice fishing.

TIMBER HILL, Canadensis (near Stroudsburg), Pa. A combination of six slopes and trails are reached by two T-bars and a Pomalift. There are also three ski jumps for the acrobatically inclined. Timber Hill also boasts the least expensive lift tickets in the Poconos. Timberhill offers cross country skiing with instructors and rental equipment, a slopey slalom competition for kids, an ice skating pond with bonfire open to the general public at no cost, and a cocktail lounge open weekends featuring a band, ski movies and 30¢ beer. Snowmaking equipment, 2 T Bars and a Pomalift 10 miles north of Stroudsburg. Lodgings close by.

These are just a few of the excellent places available to families from Bucks County for winter vacations. The Eastern Ski Council, an organization of over 33 ski clubs coordinates events, fund raising, trips and special instruction with many of the above mentioned resorts. In fact this year they held a "Bargain Barn" — the equivalent of the ski swaps we've known in the western United States — where you can buy or sell used equipment on consignment. This is something you should keep in mind for next year because it has become an annual event that they hold in November.

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SNOW RIDERS

Snowmobiling is a relatively new sport that has come to Bucks County. And the one thing about snowmobiles is that there is not one person who has not got a strong feeling about it — you either love it or hate it. Many feel that it is a sport that is detrimental to the environment and natural wildlife. And this is true because many snowmobile owners and operators misuse their equipment. Some have been known to run deer until they drop, others trespass on private property, some operate their snowmobile late at night having no consideration for sleeping neighbors and many ignore the rules of safety while seeking thrills. All this adds up to very bad publicity for the snowmobilers who do operate within the laws and confines set up for the machine. A lot of fun can be had if the snowmobile is used properly, on appointed trails. In fact, after April 1, 1976, all persons between the ages of 10 and 16 must have passed a special snowmobile training course before operating the vehicle. Operating a snowmobile on a highway is prohibited and if you wish to use your machine on any land other than your own, it must be registered. The monies received for snowmobile registration are used to develop new state operated and groomed trails for riding.

There is a complete Snowmobile Trail Map of the Eastern United States available from the National Survey in Chester, Vermont, 05143. From this we have located specific trails of interest to the snowmobilers of Bucks County.

WASHINGTON CROSSING — Dauber Canoes and Kayak organizes snowmobile safaris and expeditions.

KEMPTON — Three miles of mountain trails at the Big Valley ski area.

WHITE HAVEN — Scenic trails in Hickory Run State Park.

LAKE HARMONY — Snowmobile rentals only with miles of trails in ideal condition.

BENTON — Thirty-five miles of trails in Ricketts Glen State Park; Twenty-eight miles of trails in Red Rock.

COVINGTON — One hundred miles of trails on Armenia Mountain with a snow riders guide service available.

GREENTOWN — Thirteen miles of trails in Promised Land State Park.

TANNERSVILLE — Forty acres of trails near Camelback ski area.

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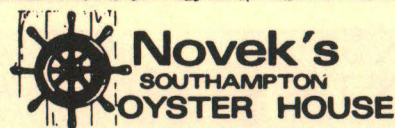
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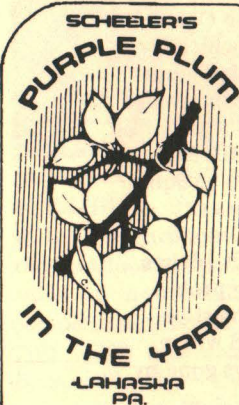


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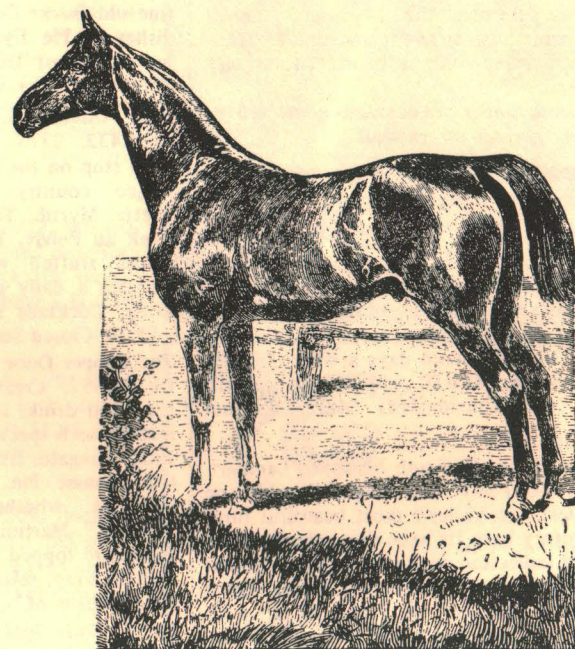
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Horse Talk



Horse lovers either by choice or opportunity are not always horse riders, and because of this are sometimes unaware of the more basic rules that the equestrian lives by. It is to these animal lovers, who wistfully gaze at those majestic beasts from fence posts and stable doors, that we dedicate this column.

Although size seemingly denies it, the horse is generally a timid animal. The experienced rider knows this and reacts accordingly when a horse shies or kicks from fright. An alarmed horse has few defences — on the whole he will either run or kick — so when approaching the animal use slow, easy, movements and speak in a low, gentle, voice. This will inform him of your presence and your intentions. This is also important because horses sometimes doze — eyes half closed — and a sudden approach can set him running.

Horses are like many other domestic animals in that they are born gentle and turn nasty generally only when they have been mistreated. Keep this in mind, don't abuse them and they will return your kindness with affection.

The careful observer can tell a lot about a horse's mood by the position of his ears. A horse who has his ears flat back against his head is angry or irritated, so beware. On the other hand, when his ears are standing straight up the horse is probably listening to distant sounds. Twitching ears indicate that he is listening to noises in front and in back or maybe just switching flies.

When walking around a horse always try to walk in front of the animal. This is obvious since when walking around the rear there is the chance of being kicked, but if you must walk around the rear, walk out of kicking range altogether or very close with your hand on his rump. If you are close, he can't kick as easily or as hard.

Since most non-riding horse lovers don't own horses, they are often unaware of barn etiquette.

First and foremost one must never wander around a stable without the permission of the owner. Most stable owners are a friendly bunch who will gladly oblige the interested horse-watcher but they will not take lightly to trespassing without invitation.

Never smoke in or around a barn. A careless smoker could accidentally start a blazing fire in a matter of minutes since a barn is a store of flammable material.

Don't run and shout in the barn. Horses by nature are nervous animals and this activity annoys and excites them.

Never enter a stall without permission. It is dangerous since you may find yourself confined to a small area with a nervous animal.

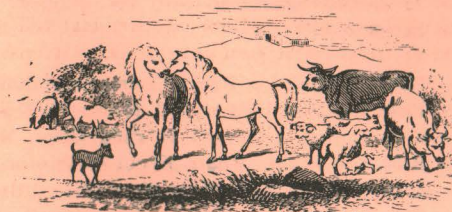
Don't feed a horse anything unless you ask first. Many owners have their animals on special diets or may not desire hand feeding as this sometimes promotes the animal to become nippy. If permission is granted, always hold your hand palm upward and fingers out flat which will avoid being bitten.

Never allow small children to run rampant in a barn. Little ones often don't realize the danger involved and can get into any number of things. Stable owners keep tonics and medicines on hand that are great for horses but poison to humans.

Be relaxed around horses. Like dogs, they sense nervous people and can become jumpy and excited. A friendly, natural, attitude will reassure the horse.

Speeding automobiles and noisy motorcycles are also a source of fright to many horses, so when approaching a rider out for a leisurely Sunday outing, please remember to slow down. Believe me, the equestrian will surely appreciate your thoughtfulness.

By keeping to these rules the horse lover will always be welcome in the stable and he can further his career as a number one non-riding admiration society member. ■



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| 5 | WRIGHTSTOWN — Bucks County Folksong Society presents an evening of Folk Music, at the Wrightstown Friends Meeting House, Recreation Room, Route 413, at 8:00 p.m. Free. If you play an instrument, bring it along. |
| 7 | DOYLESTOWN — Regular meeting of Bucks County Audubon Society, Tuesday at 8:00 p.m. at Delaware Valley College, Doylestown. Ed Noll will present a slide program "A Natural Science Tour of the Southern Rockies." |
| 11 | WASHINGTON CROSSING — Boy and Girl Scout Nature and Conservation instructions. Wildflower Preserve Building, Bowman's Hill. All day. |
| 15 | LANGHORNE — Lecture Series. Community Room in the Oxford Valley Mall. Speaker: James Meredith, famed civil rights activist who broke the color line at the University of Mississippi. 10:30 a.m. Tickets \$5.00. For more information call Rev. Arthur Caesar 757-3384. Sponsored by the Rotary Club of Langhorne. |
| 19 | NEW JERSEY — Bucks County Audubon Society Field Trip: Shark River, N.J. Meet at 9:00 a.m. (8:30 if you want breakfast) at Pat's Diner, Route 35, Belmar, N.J. Take Route 33 out of Trenton to Route 35 in Belmar, go south to diner. Very little walking. Bring lunch and beverage. Leader — Alan Brady. |

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| 25 | NEWTOWN — Delaware Valley Philharmonic Orchestra will present the second Concert of the 1974-75 season, featuring Barbara Sandonato and members of the Pennsylvania Ballet, in a Ballet Concert, 8:30 p.m. at the Council Rock High School Auditorium, Swamp Road. For tickets and information call 757-4778. Tickets may be purchased at the door prior to the concert. | 1-31 | PINEVILLE — Wilmar Lapidary Art Museum. The Country's largest private collection of hand-carved semi-precious stones. Open to the public Tuesday thru Saturday 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., Sunday 1 to 5 p.m. Admission 50¢. |
| 26 | SKI TRIP — Sponsored by the Bucks County Department of Parks and Recreation. (Rain date Feb. 2nd). To Big Boulder Mountain, Lake Harmony in the Poconos. For information and reservations contact the Park Office, 757-0571 for details. Children under 14 must be accompanied by an adult. | 1-31 | WASHINGTON CROSSING — Ice skating, "The Lagoon," near the western entrance of the park, weather permitting. Free. |
| 26 | FIELD TRIP — Car Caravan leaving Churchville Outdoor Education Center 8:00 a.m. and Silver Lake Outdoor Education Center 8:15 a.m. for a trip and hike (8 miles) in the Pine Barren of New Jersey. Return at 6 p.m. Bring warm clothing, hiking boots, field guides, binoculars, camera and a hardy lunch. For details and information call 357-4005 or 785-1177. | 1-31 | FAIRLESS HILLS — Ice skating, "Lake Caroline," Oxford Valley Road and Hood Blvd., weather permitting. Free. |
| 1-31 | WASHINGTON CROSSING — Activities at the Wildflower Preserve — Bowman's Hill, Washington Crossing State Park. Exhibit — "Christmas Greens" will continue through January 10th. Jan. 4 — Children's Nature Walk, 10 to 12 noon; Jan. 5 — Adult Nature Hike, 2 to 3 p.m.; Jan. 11 — Boy and Girl Scout Conservation day; Sundays — 2 p.m. Nature films, titles not available at this time, in the Headquarters Building. | 1-31 | BRISTOL — Ice skating, "Silver Lake," Route 13 and Bath Road, weather permitting. Free. Bucks County Park. |
| 1-31 | WASHINGTON CROSSING — Narration and Famous painting, "Washington Crossing The Delaware," daily 9:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Memorial Building at ½ hour intervals. Daily film showings, tentative and subject to change. Washington Crossing Library of the American Revolution in east wing of building. | 1-31 | APPLEBACHSVILLE — Ice skating, "Lake Towhee," Old Bethlehem Pike, weather permitting. Free. Bucks County Park. |
| 1-31 | WASHINGTON CROSSING — Thompson-Neely House, furnished with pre-revolutionary pieces, Route 32, Washington Crossing State Park. Open daily 9:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Admission 50¢, includes a visit to the Old Ferry Inn. | 1-31 | NEW BRITAIN TOWNSHIP — National Shrine of Our Lady of Czestochowa, Ferry Road. Guided Tours — Sunday 2 p.m., other tours upon request by reservations, phone 345-0600. Shrine Religious Gift Shop open 7 days a week 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Free parking. Brochure available. |
| 1-31 | WASHINGTON CROSSING — Old Ferry Inn, Route 532 at the bridge. Restored Revolutionary furniture, gift and snack shop where Washington Punch is sold. Open 9:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., daily. Admission 50¢, includes a visit to the Thompson-Neely House. | 1-31 | DOYLESTOWN — The Moravian Pottery and Tile Works, Swamp Rd. (Rt. 313) north of Court Street, Sunday Noon to 5 p.m., Wed. thru Sat. 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Admission. Group Rates. |
| 1-31 | WASHINGTON CROSSING — Taylor House, built in 1812 by Mahlon K. Taylor, now serves as headquarters for the Washington Crossing State Park. Open to the public 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. weekdays. | 1-31 | BENSALEM TWP. — The New Keystone Race Track opened Nov. 4 and accommodates 25,000 people. Convenient to Pa. Tpke, I-95 and US 1, with front entrance off Street Road. For information call 639-9000. |
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| 1-31 | BRISTOL — The Margaret R. Grundy Memorial Museum, 610 Radcliffe Street. Victorian Decor. Hours: Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday 1 to 3 p.m. Other times by appointment. | 1-31 | WASHINGTON CROSSING — The David Library of the American Revolution, River Road. Open by appointment Monday through Friday, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Contains a most important collection of originals of the Revolution. Telephone 493-6776 for information. |
| | | 1-31 | NEWTOWN — Court Inn, tours Tuesdays and Thursdays 10 a.m. to 12 Noon and 1 to 3 p.m. Information and reservations call 968-4004 during hours listed or write, Box 303, Newtown, Pa. 18940. Sponsored by Newtown Historic Association. |
| | | 1-31 | NEW HOPE — Bucks County Wine Museum is open daily for guided tours. Closed Sundays. Hours 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Between New Hope and Lahaska, Route 202. Gift Shop. Call 794-7449 or write RD1, New Hope, Pa. 18938. |
| | | 1-31 | CARVERSVILLE — Fred Clark Museum, Aquetong Rd., Saturdays 1 to 5 p.m. No admission charge. Also open by appointment, call OL9-0894 or 297-5919, evenings or weekends. |

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